

SPLG
COMMUNITY FUND
DRAFT PROPOSAL

INTRODUCTION

The meeting with Copeland Borough Council identified a Community Fund provided for local organisations in West Cumbria. The Community Fund has possibilities and implications for the area around Sizewell nuclear site. Essentially, the Cumbrian Fund receives capital and revenue from the NDA, which is distributed to local organisations by a committee consisting of representatives from the nuclear industry and local authorities. The Fund is separate from major infrastructure requirements (E.G Roads), which may be the responsibility of NDA, Local Authorities and/or Government Departments.

In East Suffolk EDF are to build two reactors. However, there are three other major energy players in the Sizewell area. 1) NDA is responsible for decommissioning Sizewell A. 2) Sizewell B responsible for long term storage of nuclear waste on site. 3) The Wind Farm Company responsible for building the biggest off shore facility in the UK. Therefore, it is reasonable to include all the players in the development and financing of a Community Fund.

The following outline proposal, building on the Copeland model, is a way forward in meeting many educational, cultural and social needs in the local community.

PROPOSAL FOR A COMMUNITY FUND

1. An Investment Fund

The Fund will be an initial down payment to provide long term investments for the Community Fund. For Sizewell the contributors and their proposed financial commitment to the Investment Fund are identified as follows:

EDF new build-----	£4m
Sizewell B nuclear waste storage on site -----	£2m
NDA (Sizewell A) -----	£2m
WF (Off Shore Wind Farm Co) ----	£2m
Total	£10m

2. Annual contributions to the Community Fund.

The contributors to the annual fund, over a seven year period of new build construction are:

EDF -----	£400,000
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Sizewell B-----	£200,000
NDA -----	£200,000
WF -----	£200,000

Contractors Contributions

The EDF, NDA, Sizewell B & WF Contractors have a part to play in the Community Fund. It is proposed, under regulation 106, that all contracts contain the following clause “That 1% of each contractor’s income from work undertaken for the above energy businesses be allocated to the Community Fund.” It is estimated that building and services contracts could be £1billion (could be more) per annum=£1,000,000. Total income per annum: £2m.

3. Community Funding Structure.

The Fund to be divided into four areas of grant responsibility as follows:

- **Capital Fund.** With responsibility to provide grant aid towards construction costs of Community Buildings. £1.5m.
- **Revenue Fund.** To provide running costs of community projects, buildings and employment of community research workers. £400,000.
- **Small Donation Fund.** To provide financial support for items such as equipment, double glazing for village Hall’s or community projects. £100,000.
- **Investment Fund.** £10m (one off payment) required to invest in local regeneration projects.

4. Management of Community Fund.

The following partners would provide a Management Board with responsibility to receive, approve and distribute funds to applicants from community organisations: EDF, NDA, WF, Sizewell B, SCDC, SPLG and plus 2 independent members representing the local community.

5. Release of skilled staff.

The Sizewell energy companies should be encouraged to consider releasing staff with special skills to support local community projects. These company skills could include financial, management, research or construction etc. Time allocation would depend upon need but could range from a voluntary commitment after work; an occasional day release; a day a week; and a short period of full time work.

6. Next step by SPLG.

- Distribute Community Fund proposal to SPLG members and seek their approval at the next meeting on 15th September 2010.

- Arrange a meeting with SCDC & SCC leaders to submit the proposal for their consideration.
- Request that the local authorities and SPLG meet with the main players-EDF, NDA & WF, to present the Community Fund for their consideration and approval under regulation 106 (Social Contract) during the planning stage.

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Chairman SPLG Date 26th July 2010.